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# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region Samuel Unger, Executive Officer

# **Executive Officer's Report**

The Executive Officer's Report is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but rather highlights of Regional Board staff activities from the previous month.

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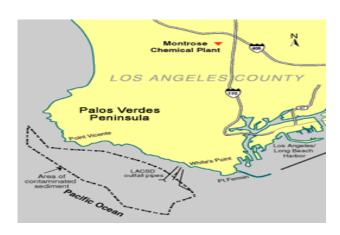
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## Watershed Regulatory Program



Contaminated Sediments

## <u>Palos Verdes Shelf Superfund Site</u> Michael Lyons

From 1947 to 1983, the Montrose Chemical Corporation manufactured DDT at its plant near Torrance, California. The plant discharged wastewater containing this now-banned pesticide into sewers that emptied into the Pacific Ocean off White Point on the Palos Verdes Shelf. The DDT manufacturing process also resulted in groundwater and surface soil contamination on and near the Montrose plant property. PCBs, a now-banned industrial lubricant, also were discharged from several sources into the sewer system and ultimately into the Pacific Ocean.

Due to high concentrations of DDTs and PCBs in sediments and fish, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) designated the Palos Verdes Shelf as a Superfund Site in 1997. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has issued a fish advisory recommending against any consumption of five sportsfish species and suggesting limited consumption for several other species throughout a large stretch of coastal waters on the Palos Verdes Shelf and in Santa Monica Bay.

Over the past several years, USEPA and other interested stakeholders, including the Los Angeles Regional Board, have developed a remediation plan that includes capping large areas on the Palos Verdes Shelf to sequester the most heavily contaminated sediments and prevent further releases to the marine environment.

However, as pointed out in a recent article in the Los Angeles Times (December 2013), sediment sampling conducted in 2009 appears to indicate that approximately 90% of the DDT and PCB contamination previously present on the Palos Verdes Shelf has disappeared. Many scientists do not believe that both DDT and PCB residues could have been degraded so rapidly

by microorganisms. In particular, since the degradation pathways for the two compounds are different, it seems unlikely that both would have decreased by the same percentage. It seems possible that the contaminants were simply moved off the shelf into deeper waters by ocean currents. It also is possible that the apparent loss of contaminants represents an artifact associated with the sampling design or changing laboratory analytical techniques.

In any case, a new round of sediment sampling was conducted on the Palos Verdes Shelf in December 2013. The results, which will not be available until mid-2014, are expected to shed light on the fate of the missing DDTs and PCBs. In addition, fish will be collected on the Palos Verdes Shelf in 2014 to provide updated information on the extent of contamination in fish tissue due to bioaccumulation.

## Watershed Management

#### Watershed Coordinator

## Integrated Regional Water Management

The Watershed Coordinator participated in a meeting of the Integrated Regional Water Management Leadership Committee for the Greater Los Angeles County Region on December 11.

#### Other Meetings/Activities

The Board of Governors for the Wetlands Recovery Project met on November 7 and adopted an updated projects workplan; the Watershed Coordinator was the Regional Board representative.

The Watershed Coordinator was invited to attend a December 10<sup>th</sup> roundtable on "Sustainability and the LA River" sponsored by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities.

The United Water Conservation District has released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft EIR for a Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan being developed for activities involving their water operations which includes any changes to be made to the fish passageway at the Freeman Diversion Dam on the Santa Clara River. The Watershed Coordinator attended a public Scoping meeting for the draft EIR held by the District on December 12. Staff comments on the NOP are currently being prepared.

The Watershed Coordinator organized staff comments on the draft EIS for the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study.

Teams of Regional Board and State Board staff conducted technical reviews of concept proposals for the Proposition 84 Stormwater Grant Program; the Watershed Coordinator participated with these reviews.

More information about the Regional Board's watersheds can be found at <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water</a> issues/programs/regional program/index.shtml#Watershed.

# Groundwater Permitting and Land Disposal Program

# Staff Participated Interagency Meeting for the Review of Classification of Metal Shredder Residue Wastes Wen Yang

On November 13, 2013, Regional Board and State Board of Land Disposal Program staff, along with various local regulatory agencies, participated in an interagency meeting hosted by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) at DTSC's Cypress office. This meeting was one of the two (the other was held in Oakland) meetings for the review of the classification of metal shredder residue (MSR) wastes (also known as treated auto shredder wastes, or TASW) that are currently permitted to be disposed of at Class III landfills in the State.

MSR is a heterogeneous mixture of largely non-metallic materials resulting from the shredding of auto bodies, appliances, and other scrap metal materials. The wastes are treated with chemical fixation/stabilization to allow for disposal as nonhazardous wastes. All major metal shredders in the State (seven active locations) are operating under a variance issued by the DTSC (then Department of Health Service) in the late 1980's. Since the management standards, scientific evaluation techniques and available test methods have evolved and improved since then, DTSC intends to review its decisions made in the late 1980's. The industry has developed a draft treatability study work plan to evaluate the methods that are currently used for the treatment of MSR. The purpose of the interagency meetings was to seek input from other regulatory agencies, including the State and Regional Boards, on the draft work plan, and to secure their commitment to participate in a public workshop on the current regulatory status of the existing shredders.

The Simi Valley Landfill in Ventura County and the Chiquita Canyon Landfill in Los Angeles County are among those landfills in the State that are currently permitted to receive MSR. The waste discharge requirements for the landfills include specific requirements for the disposal of MSR. It is of great concern to the Regional Board that the disposal of MSR at these landfill do not result in the pollution of ground and surface water resources. At the meeting, staff provided comments on the draft treatability study work plan and committed to participate in the workshop that is planned on January 14, 2014. Staff will continue working with DTSC and other regulatory agencies to ensure that any revised policy on the disposal of MSR are fully protective of public health and the environment.

Landfills in the Region that are permitted to accept MSR wastes are required to implement best management practices (BMPs) in order to protect surface and ground water resources. They are also required to implement enhanced stormwater monitoring programs to ensure that stormwater runoff from the landfills are not polluted by the use of MSR as alternate daily cover materials.

## Malibu OWDS Prohibition MOU Implementation Updates

On December 3, 2013, Regional Board staff met with City of Malibu (City) staff and their consultants for update on the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the On-site Wastewater Disposal Systems (OWDS) Prohibition. Based on data collected during injection test completed in September 2013, the consultants have been calibrating and refining the groundwater model to further determine the available groundwater injection capacity and the subsurface flow path. The information is critical for the future Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) because of the water quality objectives of receiving waters and the projected discharge limitations. In addition, the proposed wastewater treatment plant has achieved 50% of design including the infrastructure for Phase I dischargers specified in the OWDS Prohibition MOU.

On December 11, 2013, staff attended the scoping meeting for a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility. The "Notice of Preparation (NOP)" was released on November 21, 2013. There were approximately 40 attendees representing agencies, residents, commercial property owners, and environmental groups. Comments received during the scoping meeting including additional impact analysis for seismic, sensitive and endangered biological species, and regulatory compliance.

The third Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting for the implementation of the Malibu OWDS Prohibition MOU was held on December 12, 2013. In addition to City staff, and Regional Board staff, attendees included staff of Division of Financial Assistance at the State Water Resources Control Board, City's consultants, environmental groups, resource agencies, and interested parties. The TAC meeting provided update on the followings:

- 1. Groundwater injection test results: The geological investigation identified an ancient Malibu Creek riverbed at the depth of 140 feet below ground surface where the proposed injection will occur. The ancient creek riverbed exits to Santa Monica Bay westerly to the current Malibu Lagoon without comingling with the Malibu Creek due to the depth difference. It may also provide sufficient capacity for disposal of treated wastewater via groundwater injection.
- 2. Waste Discharge Requirements: Regional Board and City have discussed effluent discharge limits which will depend on the subsurface flow pattern and receiving waters. The model results assimilating groundwater flow and volume contributing to Malibu Creek or Santa Monica Bay are to be finalized, and more detail report will be submitted to the Regional Board for review.

Next TAC meeting is tentatively scheduled on the week of February 17, 2014.

## Summary of General Waste Discharge Requirements Enrolled and Terminated

Clarita Quidilla and Rebecca Chou

From November 5, 2013, to January 06, 2013, ten dischargers enrolled under the general Waste Discharger Requirements (WDR), three WDR were revised and two WDR were terminated. The table below contains a breakdown for each category of general WDR.

		Project Manager	Date of Cover- age	Date of Revision	Termi- nation
A.	General WDR Discharge for Groundwater remediation at petroleum Hydrocarbon fuel and/or volatile organic compound impacted sites (Order No. R4-2007-0019)				
1.	Consolidated Film Industries - CI 10003	Ann Chang	11/12/13		
2.	Former Fairchild Controls Facility - CI 9584	Ann Chang		11/13/13	
3.	Home Depot Development - CI 10005	Ann Chang	11/20/13		
4.	Former Honeywell El Segundo - CI 9796	Ann Chang			11/25/13
5.	Former Shell Service Station - CI 9909	Ann Chang			12/09/13
6.	Los Angeles Academy Middle School – CI 10008	David Koo	12/20/13		
7.	Point Mugu Naval Base UST Site 006 / CI 10011	Ann Chang	12/30/13		
8.	Point Mugu Naval Base UST Site 24 / CI 10012	Ann Chang	12/30/13		
В.	General NPDES permit for WDR requirements for small commercial multi-family residential subsurface sewage disposal systems (Order No. R4-01-031)				
1.	Tri County Auto Dismantlers, Inc – CI 9947	Don Tsai	12/12/13		
2.	HV Avocado – CI 9993	Mercedes Merino	12/13/13		
3.	The Master's College – CI 8429	Mercedes Merino		12/27/13	
4.	Sweetwater Plaza – CI 9173	Mercedes Merino	12/27/13		
	General Waste Discharge Requirement for Residential Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (Order No. 04-146)				
1.	Steve & Jan Leo Residence – CI 10001	Don Tsai	12/12/13		
2.	Mandeville Residence – CI 10018	Mercedes Merino	01/02/14		
C.	General WDR for discharges to land by small domestic wasterwater treatment systems (Order No. 97-10DWQ)				
1.	Paradise Cove Beach Café - CI 8568	Don Tsai		11/12/13	

## **Summary of Inspection Reports**

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From November 5, 2013 to January 06, 2013, staff conducted 16 pre-permitting and annual inspections.

	Date Issued	Permittee	Project Manager
1.	06/27/13	So. California Edison Vincent Substation – CI 9948	Don Tsai
2.	09/27/13	Camps Miller & Kilpatrick WWTP, Malibu – CI 2732	David Koo
3.	10/08/13	The Sun Valley Group – File No. 13-073	David Koo
4.	10/17/13	Chiquita Canyon Landfill Office & Scale House – CI 8844	Mercedes Merino
5.	10/17/13	Sweetwater Plaza, LLC / File No. 06-187	David Koo
6.	10/25/13	Mountain View Alzheimer's Center – CI 7821	Mercedes Merino
7.	10/30/13	Malibu Country Mart I – CI 8518	Don Tsai
8.	10/30/13	Malibu Country Mart II – CI 6325	Don Tsai
9.	10/30/13	Malibu Country Mart III – CI 8512	Don Tsai
10.	11/01/13	HV Avocado, LLC – CI 9993	Mercedes Merino
11.	11/13/13	Steve & Jan Leo Residence – CI 10001	Don Tsai
12.	11/14/13	Dalton Debris Area – CI 6438	Wen Yang
13.	11/14/13	Peck Road Gravel Pit Landfill – CI 6650	Wen Yang
14.	11/14/13	Nu-Way Live Oak Inert Landfill – CI 6728	Wen Yang
15.	12/09/13	Mandeville Residence – File No. 13-137	Mercedes Merino
16.	12/26/13	Victor Kreider – CI 10002	Don Tsai

## Summary of Notice of Violations

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From November 5, 2013 to January 06, 2013, staff issued 14 Notices of Violation for WDRs violations.

	Date Issued	Permittee	Project Manager
1.	11/12/13	Manning Pit Inert Landfill – CI 6149	Wen Yang
2.	11/12/13	Co. of LA Acton – Agua Dulce Library – CI 9287	David Koo
3.	11/12/13	Highpointe Communities, Inc. – CI 8114	Don Tsai
4.	11/15/13	3281 Mandeville Canyon Rd – CI 9220	Ann Chang
5.	12/02/13	Central Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses – CI 9905	Ann Chang
6.	12/17/13	New Piru Wastewater Treatment Plant – CI 5714	Don Tsai
7.	12/18/13	Miramar Building – CI 8631	Don Tsai
8.	12/19/13	Fillmore WWTP & Fillmore Wastewater Recycling Plant	Don Tsai
		– CI 1076	
9.	12/19/13	L.A. Co. Dept. of Public Works, Fire Station 88 – CI	Don Tsai
		8621	
10.	12/27/13	Storage Facility – CI 9288	Don Tsai
11.	12/27/13	Acton Rehabilitation Center – CI 5802	David Koo
12.	12/27/13	McDonald's Malibu – CI 9630	David Koo
13.	12/31/13	Zuma Beach Restroom Station #7 – CI 8548	Don Tsai
14.	12/31/13	Zuma Beach Restroom Station #8 – CI 8549	Don Tsai

#### Summary of California Water Code (CWC Section 13260 or 13263 Order

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From November 5, 2013 to January 06, 2013, Executive Officers issued four CWC Section 13260 or 13263 Order requiring dischargers for submittal of WDR application.

	Date Issued	Permittee	Project Manager
1.	11/26/13	Penrose Landfill – CI 2181	Enrique Casas
2.	12/11/13	Glenview Mobile Home Park – File No. 13-149	David Koo
3.	12/19/13	Malibu Villas – File No. 07-118	Don Tsai
4.	12/19/13	Michael S. Dubin – File No. 08-004	Don Tsai

# Compliance and Enforcement Program

#### **NPDES Facility Inspections**

The Enforcement Unit NPDES inspector conducted inspections at 15 facilities with NPDES Permits. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the NPDES program.

#### Expedited Payment Program

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0151** was issued to the California Water Service Company on November 1, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Palos Verdes Hydrostatic Test Project. The Permittee submitted a signed Acceptance and Waiver on November 20, 2013.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0148** was issued to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power on November 6, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Los Angeles Aqueduct Filtration Plant and Los Angeles Reservoir Outlet UV Treatment Facility. The Permittee had until December 6, 2013 to respond.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0165 was issued to the California Department of Transportation on November 13, 2013 in the amount of \$54,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Route I-10 Pavement Rehabilitation Project. The Permittee responded on December 10, 2013.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0168** was issued to Al Larson Boat Shop on November 21, 2013 in the amount of \$84,000 for alleged effluent and late reporting violations of the NPDES Permit. On December 9, 2013, the Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0168 was amended to \$48,000. The Permittee responded on December 20, 2013.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0166** was issued to the California Department of Transportation, District 7 on November 21, 2013 in the amount of \$24,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No. R4-2008-0032, NPDES Permit No. CAG994004 for the I-5 Freeway Utility Relocation located at Marquardt Avenue and Freeway Drive in Santa Fe Springs. The Permittee responded on December 18, 2013.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0167** was issued to Church of Scientology on November 21, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged late reporting violation of the NPDES Permit for the Mission Los Feliz Project. The Permittee responded on December 18, 2013.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0175** was issued to Goodrich Corporation on December 6, 2013 in the amount of \$33,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No. R4-2009-0047, NPDES Permit No. CAG994003 for the facility located at 11120 S. Norwalk Boulevard. The Permittee submitted an extension request and has until February 6, 2014 to respond.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0177** was issued to Northrup Grumman Corporation on December 11, 2013 in the amount of \$12,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Hawthorne site. The Permittee has until January 13, 2014 to respond.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0118** was issued to 620 Gramercy Place HOA on December 12, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged effluent violations of Regional Board Order No. R4-2008-0032, NPDES Permit No. CAG994004 for 620 South Gramercy Place. The Permittee has until January 13, 2013 to respond.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0120** was issued to ISBI Crescent Drive, LLC on December 13, 2013 in the amount of \$336,000 for alleged effluent and late reporting violations of the NPDES Permit for an office building located at 100 North Crescent Drive. The Permittee has until January 13, 2014 to respond.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0181** was issued to Chevron USA, Inc. on December 26, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Van Nuys Terminal. The Permittee has until January 27, 2014 to respond.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0183** was issued to TFX Aviation, Inc. on December 26, 2013 in the amount of \$9,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Newbury Park site. The Permittee has until January 27, 2014 to respond.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0184** was issued to Chinatown Gateway, LLC on December 26, 2013 in the amount of \$9,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Chinatown Los Angeles Project site. The Permittee has until January 27, 2014 to respond.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0187** was issued to Westmount Oasis c/o Spectra Associates on December 26, 2013 in the amount of \$6,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Westmount Oasis housing site. The Permittee has until January 27, 2014 to respond.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0185** was issued to the California Water Service Company on December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for Stations 63-01 and 63-02 site. The Permittee has until January 31, 2014 to respond.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0186** was issued to the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 8 on December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged late reporting violations of the NPDES Permit for the Well No. 31C & 31D. The Permittee has until January 30, 2014 to respond.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0188** was issued to Linde LLC on December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged late reporting violation of the NPDES Permit for the 890 East El Segundo Boulevard facility. The Permittee has until January 30, 2014 to respond.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0195** was issued to BRE Properties, Inc. on December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$15,000 for alleged late reporting violations of the NPDES Permit for the Tiffany Court Apartments site. The Permittee has until January 31, 2014 to respond.

**Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0196** was issued to the Los Angeles City Bureau of Engineering on December 31, 2013, in the amount of \$6,000 for alleged late reporting violations for the Temescal Canyon Park Stormwater Best Management Practice Phase 1 Project. The Permittee has until January 30, 2014 to respond.

#### Stipulated Orders

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0128 was issued to Douglas Emmett, LLC on November 12, 2013 in the amount of \$6,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Trillium. On December 03, 2013, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2009-0013-M was issued to Trizec Wilshire Center, LLC on November 19, 2013, in the amount of \$126,000 for alleged effluent and reporting violations of Regional Board Order Nos. R4-2003-0111 and R4-2008-0032, NPDES No. CAG994004 for 11601 Wilshire Boulevard. On December 9, 2013, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0117 was issued to Mercury Casualty Company on November 19, 2013, in the amount of \$6,000 for alleged effluent violations of Regional Board Order No. R4-2008-0032, NPDES

No. CAG994004 for 4484 Wilshire Boulevard. On November 26, 2013, the Regional Board received payment in full. **Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0143** was issued to the California Department of Water Resources on November 21, 2013 in the amount of \$9,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the William E. Warne Power Plant. On December 12, 2013, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0145 was issued to Suburban Water Systems on November 22, 2013 in the amount of \$6,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Plant No. 27. On December 26, 2013, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0144 was issued to the California Water Service Company on November 26, 2013 in the amount of \$15,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Dominguez Channel Watershed Potable Water Wells. On December 26, 2013, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0076 was issued to 407 N. Maple, L.P. on December 12, 2013, in the amount of \$30,000 for alleged reporting violations of the NPDES Permit for the facility. On December 23, 2013, the Regional Board received payment in full.

#### Administrative Civil Liability

Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R4-2013-0017 was issued to the City of Los Angeles (Discharger) in the amount of \$45,000 for the September 28-29, 2010 unpermitted discharge of raw sewage near 6161 West Centinela Avenue. On December 18, 2013, the Regional Board received payment in the amount of \$22,500 from the Discharger. The remaining \$22,500 of the penalty amount shall be suspended pending completion of Heal the Bay's "Beach Water Quality BMP Efficacy Study" Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP).

#### 13267 Investigative Orders

**13267 Investigative Order to Submit Information No. R4-2013-0162** was issued to the City of Beverly Hills on December 3, 2013 for information related to the unauthorized discharge of raw sewage on October 3, 2013. The Permittee responded on January 2, 2014.

## Stormwater Program

## 3 Notices of Non-Compliance were issued:

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
Non Filer	11/20/2013	Show FX	Failure to Enroll	Industrial
Non Filer	12/5/2013	Pueblatown Craft Metal Recycling	Failure to Enroll	Industrial
Non Filer	12/10/2013	Robert Michael LTD	Failure to Enroll	Industrial

# 10 Notices to Comply were issued:

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
4 56I022775	11/5/2013	MV Transportation Div. 141	Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP <sup>1</sup> , Failure to Submit 2011-12 Annual Report	Industrial
4 19I019122	11/8/2013	Stone Blue Inc.	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs <sup>2</sup>	Industrial
4 19I009228	11/13/2013	Metal Preparation	Failure to Submit Annual Reports	Industrial
4 19I018895	11/19/2013	Savios Custom Furniture	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs	Industrial
4 19I022504	11/25/2013	Hain Celestial Group Inc.	Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP	Industrial
4 19I022416	11/26/2013	MDH Auto Wrecking	Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP, Failure to Submit 2012-13 Annual Report, Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs	Industrial
Non Filer	11/26/2013	Robert Michael LTD	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs	Industrial
Non Filer	11/30/2013	Ridgeline Energy Services Inc.	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs	Industrial
4 19I002487	12/13/2013	Hanson Aggregates LLC	Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP	Industrial
4 19I016214	12/13/2013	Hanson Aggregates West Garfield	Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP	Industrial

## 16 Notices of Violation were issued:

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
4 19I015212	11/1/2013	Kyees Aluminum	Failure to have a SWPPP Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs Unauthorized NSWD Failure to Collect Storm Water Samples During the 2008-09 Reporting Period Exceeded Benchmark Values	Industrial
4 19I020826	11/5/2013	Orion Plastics	Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs	Industrial
4 19I001651	11/12/2013	Alhambra Foundry Comp Ltd	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs	Industrial
4 19I004578	11/12/2013	Union Pacific Railroad City of Industry	Failure to have a SWPPP Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs Unauthorized NSWD Deficient Annual Reports	Industrial
4 19I012852	11/15/2013	Sur Fin Chemical Corporation	Failure to have a SWPPP Failure to Submit Annual Reports since 2006	Industrial
4 19C360463	11/22/2013	Chinatown Gateway	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs, Failure to Submit Sample Analysis	Construction
4 19I022473	11/25/2013	Allenco Energy	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs	Industrial
4 19I018238	11/27/2013	Tec Specialty Prod Inc.	Failure to have a SWPPP Failure to Submit Annual Report since 2006	Industrial
4 19I024365	12/5/2013	Panda International Trading Company	Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs	Industrial
4 19I003920	12/6/2013	Dura Freight	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs	Industrial
4 19I019336	12/9/2013	Mercury Plastics Inc.	Failure to have a SWPPP Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs Failure to Submit 2010-11 Annual Report	Industrial
4 19I023978	12/10/2013	ANK Metal Recycling LLP	Failure to have a SWPPP	Industrial
4 19I016316	12/11/2013	Santa Fe Mold	Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs	Industrial
4 19I019816	12/11/2013	Coordinated Equipment Company	Failure to have a SWPPP Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs Failure to Submit 2011-12 and 2012-13 Annual Reports Exceeded Benchmark Values	Industrial
4 19I022161	12/11/2013	Progressive Frame & Fabrication	Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs Failure to Submit Annual Reports since 2009	Industrial
4 19I016716	12/20/2013	Crossfield Products	Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP, Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs Failure to Submit Annual Reports since 2009 Unauthorized NSWD	Industrial

#### 4 Benchmark Exceedance Letters were issued:

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
4 19I023878	11/01/2013	Exide Technologies	Exceeded Benchmark Values in 2012-13 Reporting Period	Industrial
4 19I019264	11/05/2013	Wheelabrator Norwalk Energy Co.	Exceeded Benchmark Values in 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13 Reporting Periods	Industrial
4 19I019868	11/20/2013	Air Products & Chemicals Inc.	Exceeded Benchmark Values in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2012-13 Reporting Periods	Industrial
4 191018414	12/11/2013	Martinez Engine Cores	Exceeded Benchmark Values in 2003-04, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 Reporting Periods	Industrial

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

#### Notices of Non-Compliance for Annual Report Non-Submittal:

During this reporting period 159 Notices of Non-Compliance were issued to Permittees enrolled in the Construction General Permit for failing to submit 2011-12 and 2012-13 Annual Reports.

#### Multi-Agency Inspection: Panda International Trading, Co.

On November 20, 2013, Regional Board staff performed a joint compliance inspection at the Panda International Trading, Co. located at 3570 Fruitland Avenue in the City of Maywood with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), USEPA, the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, the LA Port Police, and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. On December 5, 2013, Panda International Trading, Inc. was issued a NOV for violations of the Industrial General Permit identified during the inspection.

## Remediation Investigative Orders

Discharger	Location	Required Action
Ashland Inc.	13161 Sandoval St., Santa Fe Springs	Comments on first semi-annual groundwater monitoring report dated July 15, 2013
Farther Flanagan's Boys Town	15116 Gibson Ave., Compton	Requirement for a revised remedial action plan
Union Pacific Railroad Company and MTA	UPRR Right-of-way near 4154 Whiteside St., Los Angeles	Approval of extension request for submitting a technical report by March 15, 2014
Northrop Grumman System Corp	21240 Burbank Blvd., Woodland Hills	Approval of supplemental site characterization work plan dated September 27, 2013
City of Compton	305 N. Tamarind Ave., Compton	Approval of groundwater assessment work plan dated October 14, 2013
KIMCO Reality	11700 Wilmington Ave., Los Angeles	Response to indoor air sampling report dated July 31, 2013
Chevron EMC	7201 Rosecrans Blvd., Paramount	Comments on Chevron EMC's response dated October 3, 2013
Pier View Properties, Inc.	1028 E. Front St., Ventura	Approval of extension for submitting an off-site groundwater assessment report by 4/15/14
Lockheed Martin	1705 North Victory Place Burbank, California	Extension Approval
Mitchell Camera	5040 San Fernando Road Glendale, California	Extension Approval

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Best Management Practices (BMPs) <sup>3</sup>Non Storm Water Discharge (NSWD)

# Clean up & Abatement Orders

Discharger	Location	Required Action
Republic Services, Inc.	3960 E. Washington Blvd., Commerce	Approval of remedial optimization work plan dated July 30, 2013
Port of Los Angeles	2300 Signal St., Los Angeles	Comments on two technical reports dated July 2013
Port of Los Angeles	2300 Signal St., Los Angeles	Comments on phase II offsite LNAPL recovery report dated July 2013
Gillette	1681 26th St., Santa Monica	Acknowledgement of receipt of well destruc- tion reports dated February 15, 2013 and Sep- tember 27, 2013
Phillips 66	Berths 148-151, POLA, Wilmington	Extension to submit revised remedial action plan by July 15, 2015
Phillips 66	Berths 148-151, POLA, Wilmington	Approval of enhanced in-situ bioremediation and shallow soil sampling work plan dated September 13, 2013
Astro Pak Corporation	Former Astro Pak Facility 8700 - 8708 Cleta Street Downey, Califor- nia	Confirmation soil and soil gas sampling before soil vapor extraction (SVE) system shutdown and human health risk assessment. Submittal of a work plan is required to conduct the sampling.
Ducommun AeroStructures, Alcoa, Inc., United Technologies Corporation and Whittaker Corporation	Former Composite Structures 801 Royal Oaks Drive Monrovia, California	Offsite soil gas sampling on adjacent school property to evaluate the effectiveness of a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system operating at the site for the last ten years. Submittal of a technical report documenting the results of the soil gas sampling is required.
City of Downey	Former Spartan Paint and Lacquer Facility 9255 East Imperial Highway Downey, California	Requirement to continue soil remediation and install replacement groundwater monitoring wells to replace damaged and abandoned wells.
Ninth Avenue Industrial Investors, LLC	727 S. 9th Avenue, City of Industry	Reviewed CAO against worked performed through the years.

# Case Closures

Discharger	Location	Action
Department of the Navy	631 12th St., Point Mugu	UST case closure for Building 631
Raytheon Company	8433 Fallbrook Ave., Canoga Park	No further active chromium groundwater remediation required for the former haz- ardous waste storage area
Lyn-Tron, Inc	3150 North Damon Way Burbank, California	No Further Requirements
Photronics, Inc	2422-2428 North Ontario St Burbank, California	No Further Requirements
Industrial Realty Group	Downey Studios 12214 Lakewood Blvd Downey, California	Affirmation of no further requirements for soil only. The letter affirms soil closure granted for the site on February 14, 2012.
NASA	Former NASA Industrial Plant 12214 Lakewood Blvd Downey, California	Regional Board's response to request for no further action. The response denies request for site closure.
Fairchild Fasteners Facility (Former)	13001 East Temple Avenue, City of Industry	SVE well abandonment report, received, reviewed, approved, and filed in GeoTracker.

#### Staff Signed Letters

Discharger	Location	Action
Bureau of Sanitation, City of Los Angeles	2110 San Fernando Road, Los Angeles	Comments on plans for case closure dated August 20, 2013
Chevron Pipeline Company	16301 Trojan Way, La Mirada	Case transfer to Health Hazardous Materials Division of Los Angeles County Fire Depart- ment
Northrop Grumman Systems Corp.	8000 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys	Comments on sub-slab vapor sampling report dated October 11, 2013
Northrop Grumman Corporation	21240 Burbank Blvd., Woodland Hills	Approval of interim remedial action plan dated October 15, 2013
Northrop Grumman Corporation	8020 Deering Ave., Canoga Park	Request to respond OEHHA's comments by February 1, 2014
Department of the Navy	Naval Exchange Gasoline Station, Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme	Response to November 20, 2013 low-threat closure request for UST site 0002
Leggett & Patt, Incorporated	621 W. Rosecrans Ave., Gardena	Approval of on-site soil and indoor air sampling work plan dated November 20, 2013
Chevron EMC	601 S. Vail Ave., Montebello	Approval of extension request for submitting a CSM report by January 31, 2014
Chevron EMC	133 W. Santa Clara St., Ventura	Approval of extension for submitting a document by November 30, 2013
SIMA Management Corporation	370 N. Lantana Ave., Camarillo	Request to respond OEHHA's comments by February 1, 2014
SIMA Management Corporation	370 N. Lantana Ave., Camarillo	Response to SIMA legal counsel's letter dated October 31, 2013
Southern California Edison	32173 Sailview Lane, Westlake Village	Revision of due date for submitting a technical report by January 15, 2014
Southern California Edison	32173 Sailview Lane, Westlake Village	Revision of due date for submitting a technical report by December 15, 2013
Spring View Holding, LLC	5261 W. Imperial Highway, Los Angeles	Response to Murray Sinclair & Associated letter dated August 29, 2013
Raytheon Company	11100 Hindry Ave., Los Angeles	Comments on first indoor air sampling report dated October 24, 2013
KS611, LLC	810 Lawrence Dr., Newbury Park	Response to indoor air sampling report dated August 30, 2013
Channel Islands Air National Guard	100 Mulcahey Dr., Port Hueneme	Approval of interim remedial action plan dated October 1, 2013

# Underground Storage Tanks

## <u>Completion of Corrective Action at Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Sites</u> Yue Rong

Regional Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and/or groundwater contamination problems from leaking underground storage tanks for the time of **November 5, 2013** through December **20, 2013,** and determined that no further corrective actions are required for the following sites:

- 1. Shell Station, Hungtington Park (R-26273)
- 2. Circle K Store #2211186, Downey (I-11153A)
- 3. Jim's Smog Center, South Gate (R-25381)
- 4. Clarity Realty Partners, LLC, Beverly Hills (R-14048)
- 5. Shell Station No. 204-4482-6109, Long Beach (908130370)
- 6. Chevron Station No. 9-1324, Pacific Palisades (902720043A)
- 7. 76 Station No. 5481, Venice (902910052A)
- 8. Kerber Brothers, Norwalk (R-12930)
- 9. Marina Shell Service Station, Marina Del Rey (R-09518A)
- 10. Former Gasoline Station, Torrance (905010216)

- 11. Rashid Shell, Los Angeles (I-02324A)
- 12. Former Smith Services Gas Station, Los Angeles (900020034)
- 13. Thrifty Oil Station No. 199, Los Angeles (I-20735)
- 14. Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles (900320198)
- 15. ARCO Station #0211, Whittier (R-10305)
- 16. Chevron Servie Station No. 9-3835, Bell (I-16608)
- 17. ConocoPhillips Company #254000, Alhambra (R-38261)
- 18. Radnia Property, Los Angeles (900350089)
- 19. Catalinaa Island Conservancy, Avalon (R-12913)
- 20. M & R Auto, Compton (I-14362)
- 21. Former ARCO Service Station, Los Angeles (900040098)
- 22. Former Texaco Station, Woodland Hills (913640452)
- 23. Caltrans, Carson (R-13701)
- 24. 76 Station No. 3900, Los Angeles (900200143)
- 25. ARCO Station No. 1057, Hollywood (900280034)
- 26. Former 76 Station #5576, Artesia (I-04188)
- 27. Former 76 Service Station No. 2705690, Diamond Bar (I-04196A)
- 28. United Oil / Rapid Gas Station No. 18, Long Beach (908130616)
- 29. Shell #204-7398-1304, South Gate (I-13269)
- 30. E. T. Torn Company, La Mirada (R-09630)

For the case closure sites above, a total of **5,722** tons of impacted soils were excavated and **218,639** pounds of hydrocarbons were removed by soil vapor extraction system. In addition, **693,981** gallons of groundwater were treated and **177** gallons of gasoline free product (LNAPL) were removed.

## Executive Officer issued General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs)

Yue Rong

In October, the Executive Officer, on behalf of the Board, issued 1 General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) to Circle K Station, located in Long Beach (10/31/2013). The WDRs issued for injection of oxygen generating compounds to the impacted aquifer for in-situ groundwater cleanup, which is designed to save water resources by avoiding discharging the treated water to the ocean.

## General Permitting Activity

## Summary of General Permitting Unit Activities for July to September 2013

During the months of October through December 2013, 14 dischargers were enrolled under the general NPDES permits and 18 enrollments were terminated. The Table below shows the breakdown of the enrollments and terminations for each category of general NPDES permit during the period.

		Date of Coverage	Date of Revision	Date of Termination
A.	NPDES CAG994004 (Order No. R4-2008-0032) Construction & Project Dewatering	3		
1	Weho Doman, LLC, Weho Domain Apartments, 7141 Santa Monic Blvd., West Hollywood	10/9/13		
2	Beverly Place, L.P.–Beverly Mercedes Place, 9242 Beverly Bl., Beverly Hills			10/9/13
3	Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of L.A County, Valencia Water Reclamation Plant, 28185 The Old Road, Santa Clarita	10/9/13		
4	City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica Water Treatment Plant, 1228 South Bundy Drive, L.A			10/17/13
5	L.A Department of Water and Power, Santa Ynez Reservoir, 1351 Palisades Drive, L.A			10/17/13
6	Calleguas Municipal Water District, Salinity Management Pipeline Phase 2c, along Lewis Road, between Temple Ave. and Las Posas Road. Camarilo			10/17/13
7	Essex Monarch Santa Monica Apartment, L.P., Essex Santa Monica Apartment, 7119 Santa Monica Bl., West Hollywood			10/30/13
8	City of L.A, Riverside Bridge & Viaduct Project, Riverside Drive & L.A River, L.A			10/9/13
9	Whittaker Corporation–Former Bermite Facililty, 22116 Soledad Canyon Road, Santa Clarita	10/15/13		
10	Martin Project Management, Wishire Grand Hotel, 930 Wilshire Blvd., L.A	10/23/13		
11	City of L.A Department of Transportation, Blossom Plaza Mixed-Use Community 900 N. Broadway, L.A			11/12/13
12	Philips 66 Company, 42-inch Abandoned Pipeline Removal, Gerald Desmond Bridge Project, Pier S Lane, Long Beach	11/4/13		
13	La Brea Gateway Investors, LLP, La Brea Gateway Apartments, 915 North La Brea Avenue, L.A	11/22/13		
14	Central Basin Municipal Water District–Rio Hondo Distribution System, 4300 San Gabriel River Parkway, Pico Rivera			
15	Central Basin Municipal Water District-Century Distribution System, 16515 Piuma Avenue, Cerritos	11/14/17		
16	California Department of Transportation, District 7, Route 5/14 High Occupancy Vehicle Con- nector Construction Project, West Sylmar Overhead at San Fernando Rd, Santa Clarita			12/30/13
17	City of Arcadia, Hugo Reid Well and Orange Grove Wells 1A and 2A, 1128 De Anza Place and 67 West Orange Grove Avenue, Arcadia			12/23/13
18	Golden State Water Company, Dreher Well No. 1, 600 North Mountain Avenue, Claremont	12/11/13		
19	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California–Foothill Power Plant, 31849 North Lake Hughes Road, Castaic	12/20/13		
20	Diamondcrest Investment Services, IncDiamondcrest Plaza, 11812 South Street, Cerritos	12/3/13		
21	Cedars Saini Medical Center–North Care Tower Center Project, 8700 Beverly Bl., L.A	12/11/13		
22	LL–Melrose Triangle Project, 9021 Melrose Avenue, West Hollywood			12/27/13
23	Calleguas Municipal Water District–Salinity Management Pipeline Phase 2A, Project No. 470, Old Lewis Road, Between Camarillo Road and Cawelti, Camarillo			12/11/13
24	LLC-Croft Avenue Properties, 612-616 Croft Avenue, West Hollywood		+	12/18/13
25	Long Beach Water Department—47th Street Avenue and Long Beach Bl., Long Beach Palmer/Temple Street Properties, LLC—Da Vinci Project, 909 West Temple Street, L.A			12/30/13
<b>B</b> .	NPDES No. CAG994005 (Order No. R4-2003-0108) Potable Water Supply Wells Discharges			12/27/13
1	Newhall County Water District, Newhall Well No. 13, 25367 Railroad Avenue, Newhall	10/17/13	+	+
2	Golden State Water Company, Dalton Well #2, 17308 Dalton Avenue, Gardena	10/23/13	1	1
3	City of Glendora, City Well No. 14, 1221 East Leadora Avenue, Glendora	1	1	11/12/13
4	Golden State Water Company–Ojai Mutual Plant, 2215 Grand Avenue, Ojai	<u> </u>	1	11/13/13
C.	NPDES CAG674001 (Order No. R4-2009-0068) Hydrostatic Test Water	<u> </u>	1	
1	L.A City Department of Water and Power, Haynes Generating Station Repowering Project	<u> </u>	1	10/23/13
2	Calleguas Municipal Water District–Salinity Management Project Control Tank, Project NO. 513, Between South Lewis Road and North Cawelti Road, Camarillo	10/23/13		
3	BMW of North America, LLC,-BMW Oxnard Facility, 5900 Arcturus Avenue, Oxnard			11/13/13

# Section 401 Water Quality Certification Program

Valerie Carrillo Zara and Dana Cole

Since October 1, 2013, the Regional Board has received 17 new applications for Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) actions. The following Certification actions have been issued since the preparation of the last Executive Officers Report:

DATE OF ISSUANCE	STAFF	APPLICANT	PROJECT	ACTION
10/01/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	159 Debris Basin Cleanout	Extension of Conditional WQC
10/17/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	City of Industry	City of Industry Office Park	Conditional WQC
10/17/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Mr. Ron Cottriel	Angeles Shooting Ranges	Conditional WQC
10/17/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Lewis Operating Corp.	South Point West	Conditional WQC
10/17/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Rose Hills Company	Rose Hills Access Road No. 1 Improvement	Conditional WQC
10/17/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Mountains Restoration Trust	Cold Creek Wetland and Ripari- an Restoration and Enhance- ment	Conditional WQC
10/17/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Live Oak Spreading Grounds Improvement	Conditional WQC
10/17/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Malibu Lagoon Beach	Conditional WQC
10/17/2013	Dana Cole	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	Marshall Creek Tie-In	Conditional WQC
10/17/2013	Dana Cole	Seacliff Homeowners Association	Seacliff Beach Colony	Conditional WQC
10/17/2013	Dana Cole	Pardee Homes	Fair Oaks Ranch Detention Basin Maintenance	Conditional WQC
10/17/2013	Dana Cole	Centex Homes Corporation	Sterling Development	Conditional WQC
11/06/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	California Department of Transportation District 7	I-405 Sepulveda Pass HOV Lane	Modification of Conditional WQC
11/22/2013	Dana Cole	Sherwood Development Company	Carlisle Canyon Tract 4192-5 and -6	Conditional WQC
11/27/2013	Dana Cole	Wood-Claeyssens Foundation	Diablo Canyon Creek Stream Crossing	Conditional WQC
11/27/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	California Department of Transportation District 7	Ladybug Permanent Culvert	Conditional WQC
12/12/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Millennium Diamond Road Partners LLC	Millennium Tract 53430 Dia- mond Bar	Conditional WQC
12/20/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Ventura Yacht Club	Ventura Yacht Club D Dock	Conditional WQC
12/20/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Paramount Projects	Culvert Road Crossing Widen- ing	Conditional WQC
12/20/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Water Replenishment District of Southern California	No. 2 Inlet/Turn-out Structure	Conditional WQC
12/20/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Oxford Retention Basin Multi-use Enhancement	Conditional WQC
12/20/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Harbor Real Estate Group	Boatyard Marina and Travel Lift Piers Replacement	Conditional WQC
12/20/2013	Dana Cole	City of Ventura Public Works	Surfers Point Beach Nourishment	Conditional WQC
12/20/2013	Dana Cole	City of Burbank	Johnny Carson Park Revitaliza- tion	Conditional WQC
12/23/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Mr. Artak Agamalian	29836 Triunfo Dr. Residence	Conditional WQC
12/26/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Ermine Street, LLC	Keystone Tract 60258	Modification of Conditional WQC
12/26/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	City of Agoura Hills	Agoura Road Widening Project	Conditional WQC
12/27/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	Pepperdine University	Pepperdine University Flood Control	Conditional WQC
12/27/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Mint Canyon Channel Invert Ramp	Conditional WQC
12/27/2013	V. Carrillo Zara	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Whites Canyon Channel Invert Ramp	Conditional WQC

Certification actions recently issued and project descriptions for applications currently being reviewed can be viewed from our Web Site located at <a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/meetings/401wqc.html">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/meetings/401wqc.html</a>. For additional information regarding our Section 401 Program, please contact Valerie Carrillo at (213) 576-6759. Any petitions for the appeal of a Section 401 WQC action must be filed within 30 days of the date of its issuance. We encourage public input during the certification process.

## Personnel Report

As of February 6, 2014 our staff total is 133: 118 technical staff, 10 permanent analytical staff and 5 permanent clerical staff.

The following appointment was made:

Shervin Milani, Water Resource Control Engineer, Site Cleanup IV Unit, effective December 30, 2013.

The following separated from Region 4:

Pinaki Guha-Niyogi, Water Resource Control Engineer, effective November 23, 2013.

**Brandi Outwin**, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, transferred to Region 9 effective December 13, 2013.

**Jack Price**, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, retired from State service effective December 26, 2013.